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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

On Monday, October 9, 2006 your Park Paseo Board of Directors met at the clubhouse for its regularly scheduled meeting. Present were Directors Howard Scott, Brian Hagadorn, Brian Grochow, Ernie Jones, Ric Cox, and Manager Gus Arnaes.

Four homeowners did not appear as requested to show cause why association fine processes should not be initiated for on-going architectural violations relating to: an aging, patched and unsightly wood shingle roof, improper and untimely removal of trash cans from the front of residences, and a window air conditioning unit that had been re-located instead of removed altogether.

The height of two side yard and front block walls of a residence was reviewed and discussed. Photos of the original wood fence on the same side locations indicate a similar height, though with a "stepped" design. This issue is tabled until the next meeting in order to obtain additional information and to have the Board members look at the fence.

The Board reviewed and discussed an on-going problem with the parking of a commercial vehicle and trailer within the community. The Board instructed the manager to notify the homeowner that the Association fine process has begun with a fine of \$25.00. The fine process will continue until the offending vehicles are parked elsewhere.

The Board reviewed and discussed the status of the delayed association annual election. The notification of intent to adopt new election procedures as mandated by law was mailed to homeowners on September 29, 2006, inviting homeowner input at a meeting scheduled for October 30, 2006.

Performance deficiencies by Patrol One as documented by the manager were reviewed and discussed. The Board will continue to monitor the on-going performance of this security company.

The Board reviewed and discussed a price increase notification from our janitorial service company. The Board agreed to this increase of 5%, or \$929.78 per month instead of \$885.50. Any supplies continue to be expensed separately.

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Thanksgiving trivia

When was the first Thanksgiving celebration held?

The Plymouth Pilgrims held their first Thanksgiving celebration in the fall of 1621.

What was the reason for holding a Thanksgiving celebration?

On December 11, 1620 the first Pilgrims (or Puritans, as they were initially known) landed at Plymouth Rock. By the fall of 1621, of the hundred or so passengers who had sailed on the Mayflower, only half were still alive. (Of these, only four were adult women and almost forty percent were children.) The survivors, thankful to be still alive, decided to give a feast.

What was the name of the Wampanoag chief that was invited to the first Thanksgiving feast?

His name was Massasoit. Some ninety Wampanoag tribesmen were present at the feast.

What was the name of the Pilgrim leader who invited the neighboring Wampanoag to the first Thanksgiving? Governor William Bradford. The reason they were invited was because they were the ones who taught the Pilgrims to cultivate the land, thus making it possible for them to survive.

How long did the first Thanksgiving celebration last?

It lasted three days (the celebration consisted of games as well as food).

Which president proclaimed the first "National Day of Thanksgiving"?

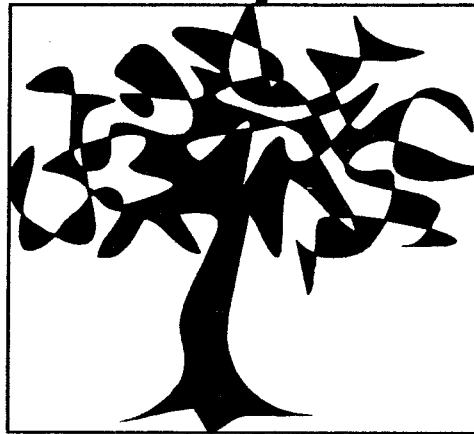
George Washington (in 1789 and then again in 1795).

Even though Thanksgiving was observed most years, it was not an official holiday. What is the name of the woman credited with making Thanksgiving a national holiday? Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor. She began her Thanksgiving campaign in 1827.

Which president made Washington's "National Day of Thanksgiving" a national holiday?

On October 3, 1863 Abraham Lincoln issued a "Thanksgiving Proclamation" that made the last Thursday in November a national holiday. (Before that, the president had to make an annual proclamation naming the day when Thanksgiving was going to be held.)

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Board of Directors' meetings are held the second Monday of each month in the clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. Homeowners are encouraged to attend.

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All copy/ads for the Park Press must be submitted to the manager's office in the clubhouse by the 12th of each month to be included in the next issue.

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Would you like to add your name to our babysitter list? Drop a note by the office with your name and phone number and we will add it to our list.

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Announcements & Ads

FOOD DRIVE FOR FAMILIES FORWARD:

A food collection box for Families Forward will be on the porch of the Kelley family at 13 Ensueno West the entire month of November. The urgently needed items are listed below:

- *Canned fruit
- *Fruit juice
- *Peanut butter
- *Jelly/Jam
- *Canned tomato products
- *Pancake mix and syrup
- *Plain rice (1 lb bag)
- *Healthy snack food
- *Canned meat, fish, stew
- *Cereal
- *Plain pasta, pasta mixes
- *Beans, baked, refried, misc.
- *Soup-canned

Families Forward exists to help families in need achieve and maintain self sufficiency through housing, counseling, education and other support services. Please join in to support community families in need by dropping a few of the above items in the collection box at 13 Ensueno West. All items collected will be delivered to Families Forward in Irvine. Any questions, please call me at (714) 731-6009.

FOR SALE

Peg Perego high chair \$50 and stroller, \$50. Back Pack, \$10. Baby Bjorn carrier, \$15. Graco Pack and Play, \$30. Contact Shelley at 714-734-5714.

FOR SALE

TV stand for DLP "Thin Line" TV. Like new. 21H x 40W x 19D. Black with glass. 2 front doors for equipment. \$100 OBO. Call 949-798-5900.

DAY CARE

CA licensed Family Day Care. Big house, large yard, music, arts, games, and lots of fun. Lunch and snacks included. Call Amy at 714-838-0587.

RING FOUND

Found: nice ring in Christamon pool around August 24. Call Steve or Nancy at 573-5745 to identify and claim.

FOR SALE

Coffee table 49x29x19. Has storage, shelf, and half of top panel is glass. Maple color. Picture is available upon request, \$75. Black microwave oven, \$20. Please call Sherrie at 714-508-0825.

FOR SALE

Solid brass fireplace tools. 5-piece set with stand. \$65. Please call 714-838-6872.

PERSONAL TRAINING SERVICES

Looking to get fit? I am a certified personal trainer and PPHOA resident specializing in pre- and post-natal fitness, youth/teen fitness and weight loss programs. Contact Robin at 949-422-5153.

Welcome to Park Paseo Board Highlights cont.

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The Board reviewed and discussed a homeowner inquiry regarding the possible consideration and acceptance for installation of a synthetic turf to replace existing lawns. The Board agreed that this is an issue that would require community input and discussion as well as thorough research and fact-finding before any decisions could be finalized. This topic is tabled for future meetings.

The advisability of installing an emergency light inside the clubhouse to turn on automatically during times of electrical failure was reviewed and discussed. The manager was instructed to explore the costs of installation of such a unit and report back to the Board.

A report from the janitorial service company was reviewed. They noted that supplies (toilet paper, hand soap, etc.) in the restrooms seem to be disappearing at an unusual rate, possibly being taken for personal use? The Board asked the manager to monitor the use and determine if there is a problem.

The Board reviewed and discussed the oversized garage sale notification signage placed to advertise a community sale. The signs were in place for a week before the event. The manager was instructed to write a letter to the responsible party noting this is in violation of both community guidelines and City of Irvine codes.

The Board reviewed and discussed a homeowner's request for fee-waived use of the clubhouse for a new Girl Scout Brownie Troop. The Board agreed to this request subject to receipt of the mandatory \$100.00 deposit.

The minutes of the September 11, 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected. The Action Items and Responses Report from the September 2006 meeting was also reviewed.

The General Meeting notes of the North Irvine Villages Association were reviewed and discussed.

The Board reviewed and discussed the office-remodeling project. The furniture remains to be installed.

The financial reports for September 2006 were approved subject to final revision by the accountant and annual audit. The Association bank account statements were reviewed and discussed. The delinquent account report was reviewed and discussed, and management was requested to send five 30-day reminder letters, three 30-day attorney warning letter and to turn one account over to the attorney for collection.

The proposed budget for 2007 was discussed and approved including a monthly increase in dues of \$3.00 or from \$65.00 to \$68.00 monthly. The complete mailing package will be reviewed at the next meeting for approval before mailing to the homeowners.

The Architectural Committee meeting minutes of September 27, 2006 were reviewed and approved as corrected. The architectural violation log was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM and the next Board meeting has been set for November 13, 2006.

Manager's Corner By Gus Aarnaes

ZERO-LOT LINE FLOODING REMINDER

With the rainy season upon us, I must remind homeowners living next to zero-lot line homes of their responsibility to insure that the surface drainage as designed and graded by the original builder must be maintained in order to prevent any flood damage to the neighbor's zero-lot line home. Any modification to this natural drainage that causes water damage to the neighbor's home along the zero-lot line is the responsibility of that owner. The following streets have zero-lot line homes: Entrada, Alba, Eden, Diamante, Prosa, Lucero, Delamesa, Campanero and the east side of Palmatum.

In the past, homes have been flooded when earth and debris (e.g. leaves) are allowed to touch the neighbor's house above the seep line. There must be at least a two-inch (2") margin between the earth and the house seep line (the joint between the house walls and foundation). Do not allow planters with earth up against the neighbor's house! And be aware of mature plants and trees whose roots may block water run-off next to a home.

Remember: Rain or irrigation water must be allowed to drain away from the zero-lot line home. Let's not have any homes damaged by this preventable flooding!

Annual Election

Look for the annual election ballots this November. We welcome three candidates, Roland Philipp, Howard Scott (incumbent) and Brian Hagadorn (incumbent) seeking to fill two positions on the Board. We wish them well!

2007 Budget

During November, you will receive your copy of the 2007 budget. There will be a nominal increase of \$3.00 in the monthly dues from \$65.00 to \$68.00 to cover the constantly increasing expenses of maintenance, repairs, and facility improvements. We will continue to remain one of the best values!

Gus Aarnaes

November Landscape Award Winner The Neill Family of 6 Alameda



Editor's Corner

If you have a "for sale" ad in the newsletter, make sure that you call me and let me know if it's been sold or if you want your ad run for upcoming months. Drop it by the Clubhouse or email me at:

tinelson@gmail.com. *Christine Nelson*

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

West of Yale: (Wed.) Nov. 8 & 22
 East of Yale: (Tues) Nov. 14 & 28

Welcome new homeowners!

Please go by and give a warm hello to our new neighbors, Erin and Lisa Catto of 7 Prosa.

Who was the last president to change the date of the Thanksgiving holiday?

President Franklin D. Roosevelt changed Thanksgiving to the Thursday before last (the reason was to make the Christmas shopping season longer and thus stimulate the economy). In 1941, Congress proclaimed Thanksgiving a legal holiday to be observed on the fourth Thursday of the month in November.

Who wanted to make the turkey the national bird of the United States of America?

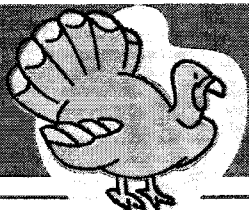
Benjamin Franklin, but he was opposed by Thomas Jefferson. Legend has it that Franklin then named the male turkey a "tom turkey" to spite Jefferson. (The female is called a "hen turkey" and the baby a "poult.")

What part of the turkey is used in a good luck ritual?

The wishbone.

What drink did the Puritans bring with them in the Mayflower?

Beer.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 PRIVATE PARTY	4 PRIVATE PARTY
5	6	7 ELECTION DAY INDIAN PRINCESS	8 GIRL SCOUTS	9	10 JR GIRL SCOUTS	11 VETERANS DAY PRIVATE PARTY
12	13 BROWNIE TROOP BOD MEETING	14	15	16	17 PRIVATE PARTY	18 PRIVATE PARTY
19	20 CUB SCOUTS	21 INDIAN PRINCESS	22 GIRL SCOUTS	23 THANKSGIVING	24 JR GIRL SCOUTS	25
26	27 BROWNIE TROOP	28	29 ARCHITECTURE COMMITTEE MEETING	30		